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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

October 8, 1981

The meeting was held at 2 p.m., October 8, 1981 in the Tuscola Room of the University Union.

Members present: Dr. Bartling, Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Doughty, Dr. Hennings, Miss Ann Hoy, Dr. Kantner, Dr. Miess, Mr. Russ Robb, Dr. Don Rogers, Miss Cindy Rozmin, Mr. Settle, and Vice President Rives

Visitors: Mr. Jim Martin

I. Minutes of October 1, 1981

The minutes were approved after a correction was made to change the word "Boting" to "Voting" in section VI. 2. third sentence.

II. Communications

1. Minutes from the Curriculum Committees in HPER, A & S, and Business
2. Dates for the Annual Program Review -- Dr. Rives
3. Request from Lewis Coon that 81-40 be published in the CAA Minutes and a second memo from Dr. Coon expressing approval for 81-40
4. Request from Dr. DiPietro for clarification on number of times an experimental course may be offered
5. Suggested By-Laws Changes from CAA Subcommittee--Phil Settle

III. Committee Appointments

1. Program Review Subcommittee for CAA
David Buchanan, Chairperson
Russ Robb
James Kantner
2. Summer School Committee appointment: Don Rogers

IV. By-Laws Changes

Dr. Doughty moved and Dr. Rogers seconded the motion to place By-Laws changes on agenda. (Will be Agenda Item 81-41).

V. Ad Hoc Committee - General Education Requirements

Dr. Hennings, Chair of Ad Hoc Committee to review General Education requirements and implementation of senior seminar, reported that Dr. Soderberg will discuss progress at the October 22, 1981, meeting.

VI. Drop-Add Procedures

A committee to review Drop-Add Procedures was appointed. Dr. Meiss will chair the committee with Dr. Hennings and Miss Hoy as members. The committee will report at the October 22 meeting.

VII. Proposal for Undergraduate Honors Program - (Agenda Item 81-35).

Revisions of proposal were suggested and approved by consensus. Copy of Honors proposal is attached. Voting on the entire package will be at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Judy Sherman
Recording Secretary

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING
Tuscola Room, University Union
October 22, 1981

Agenda:

- *81-35. Proposal for Undergraduate Honors Program.
- #*81-37. Credit from a college or university taken while a high school student.
- *81-40. Proposed policy for a second bachelor's degree.
- 81-41. By-Laws changes

*Motion on floor.
#Tabled.

Undergraduate Honors Program

I. Description of Program

A. Objectives and definitions

The Undergraduate Honors Program will provide additional opportunities for talented students to enrich and broaden their academic experiences. Honors courses will stimulate and challenge promising students to develop their abilities as fully as possible. In particular, this program will encourage them to develop high intellectual standards, independent thought, logical analysis and insight into the nature of knowledge.

Students in the General Honors Program will elect Honors sections of General Education courses as freshmen and sophomores, and participate in General Honors Colloquia as juniors and seniors. Students in Specialized Honors will write a senior thesis and may carry out other research or independent study. In both programs, students will have the opportunity for a greater synthesis of knowledge and for more writing than is currently required in the regular curriculum.

The Honors Program is designed to help Eastern Illinois University attract, stimulate and retain talented students. These students will improve the learning climate at the University, in part because much of their course work will be in regular University courses. In addition, the Honors Program will set an example of academic excellence.

The General Honors Program, designed mainly for those who begin as freshmen at Eastern, will provide Honors sections of required General Education courses as well as upper-division General Honors Colloquia, which will substitute for the Senior Seminars. Departments may offer research or independent study for upper-division General Honors. The General Honors Program will require 40 semester hours in general education, the same number required of any student completing the All-University (12), Distribution (27), and Senior Seminars (2) requirements.

The Specialized Honors Program will permit all eligible students, including transfer students, to participate in this division of the Honors Program. Participating departments will develop Specialized Honors Programs emphasizing research, independent study, and seminar. Departments not offering Honors sections of General Education courses may still participate in the Specialized Honors programs.

All Honors Program students must complete graduation requirements for a Bachelor's degree.

Students may apply for General Honors, Specialized Honors or both. Departments may participate in both programs, one or the other, or neither program.

Experience at other universities suggests that only about 25% of those eligible will enroll in an Honors Program. Once the program is fully established, the number of graduates will probably be 100 per year from the General Honors program and about 25 per year from the Specialized Honors program. By 1986, approximately 200 students will be enrolled in the General Honors program and 50 in the Specialized Honors program. This figure will probably represent less than 2½ per cent of the undergraduates on campus.

B. The catalog will describe the Honors Program as follows:

Eastern Illinois University offers undergraduate Honors Programs which provide special educational opportunities for talented students. These programs offer Honors sections of regular courses and General Honors Colloquia as well as research and independent study. Honors courses challenge and stimulate outstanding students to develop their intellectual abilities to the fullest. Honors students may take General Honors, Specialized Honors, or both. Successful completion of these programs will be noted on the student's transcript. A student in

the Honors program may take an academic overload, subject to all the general regulations governing overloads, without payment of the overload fee.

C. Publicity

A brochure fully describing the Honors Program will be prepared by the Director of Honors to inform prospective students of various features of Honors at Eastern.

II. General Honors

A. Program requirements (41 semester hours)

1. A minimum of 21 hours of General Honors courses to substitute for part of the current General Education courses.
2. A minimum of 12 hours either in regular General Education courses (which do not duplicate General Honors courses) or in regular upper-division courses. For the latter, the permission of the course instructor and Honors Director is required prior to enrollment in the course in order for such courses to substitute for courses in the distribution scheme. No more than 3 semester hours may be double counted.
3. Two two-hour General Honors Colloquia in lieu of the two Senior Seminars.

Note: General Honors research or independent study may be offered by departments without Specialized Honors, but not for the 12 hours in Part II.A.2.

B. Implementation

1. Upon entering the program, Honors students must take at least one General Honors course per semester during their freshman and sophomore years.
2. Honors students will take Honors Colloquia after reaching junior status.
3. The Honors Director, with the consultation and advice of the Honors Council, will request selected courses or sections to substitute for General Education courses. These new courses shall be highly enriched or expanded versions of courses in the General Education track. In time, a program of courses to substitute completely for the regular General Education courses will be created. Normal University procedures for course approval and program change will be followed.
4. Honors courses will usually be limited to a maximum of 18 students. Major papers written for these courses will be kept in the students' file in the Honors office.

III. Specialized Honors

A. Program Requirements

1. Students in the Specialized Honors Program must fulfill either the regular General Education and Senior Seminar requirements or the General Honors Program requirement.
2. Since Specialized Honors programs will be departmental or divisional in scope, the requirements of each department will vary. All Specialized Honors Programs

will require a minimum of 12 hours of Specialized Honors credits.

3. A Senior thesis written under supervision of Honors faculty and with approval by the Director of Honors will be required. Each thesis must represent a minimum of three semester hours' credit. A copy will be placed on file in the Honors office.
4. Seniors in Specialized Honors may elect to take one (below 5500) graduate course in their department for Honors credit. Prior approval of the Director of Honors, Dean of the Graduate School, and course instructor will be required. Such a course may not be used for reserve graduate credit at Eastern.
5. A faculty member in each department with a Specialized Honors program will be designated as departmental Honors Coordinator.

B. Implementation

Uniform course numbers for all departments will be used to designate these Specialized Honors courses by incorporating the department name and the word "Honors." The following courses, limited to Specialized Honors courses, may be offered with flexible credit and possible repetition.

(Department Name)	Honors Research	4555
(Department Name)	Honors Independent Study	4444
(Department Name)	Honors Seminar	4666
(Department Name)	Honors Thesis	4644

IV. Eligibility

A. Admission

1. General Honors and Specialized Honors Programs will be open to students who meet at least two of the following criteria:
 - a. ACT composite of 26 or higher or SAT (combined Math & Verbal) of 1100 or higher.
 - b. Upper 10 per cent of high school graduating class.
 - c. 3.5 grade point average (on a four point scale) for at least 12 hours of coursework undertaken at Eastern Illinois University.
 - d. The permission of the Director of the Honors Programs for admission to General Honors; permission of the Director of the Honors Program and the Departmental Honors Coordinator for Specialized Honors.

B. Maintaining Eligibility

1. Students in both the General Honors and Specialized Honors programs must maintain an overall GPA of 3.50.
2. Students who have been dropped from the programs because their overall averages have fallen below 3.50 may petition for readmission. They must raise their grade point average above 3.50 and submit their petition to the Honors Council.

V. Diploma and transcript notations

- A. General Honors students will have the following notation on their diplomas and transcripts: General Honors Program.
- B. Specialized Honors students who successfully complete this program will have noted on their diplomas and transcripts: Specialized Honors Program in (the appropriate department or division).
- C. Students who have successfully completed both programs will have both notations on their diplomas and transcripts.

VI. Faculty and administration of Program

A. Honors Program Director

The Director of the Honors Program will oversee the General and Specialized programs and will be the principal advisor for Honors students with undeclared majors. For Honors students with declared majors, the Director will work jointly with their major departments for advisement and record maintenance. The Director will be appointed after the standard University search and will report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

B. Honors Faculty

Honors Faculty will be selected jointly by the Director of Honors and the chairperson of affected departments. These faculty will conduct all Honors courses in both programs.

C. Honors Council

The Honors Council will consist of the Director of Honors Program, who will be ex officio, six faculty members serving three year, staggered terms, and three Honors students serving one year, renewable terms. A faculty member in the second or third year of office will serve as the annually elected chairperson. Faculty members will be appointed by CAA from a list submitted by the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Director of Honors. Student members will be elected by the Honors students. All Honors Council members will have full voting rights on all questions. Roberts Rules of Order will obtain.

The Honors Council will approve all Specialized Honors programs before each is sent to CAA, evaluate the Honors Programs periodically, make recommendations on readmission, and advise on such matters as topics for the General Honors colloquia and such other concerns as may present themselves.

- D. The Honors Program will be reviewed every other year by the Council on Academic Affairs.

Proposed Policy on Second Bachelor's Degree

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

A student who is currently enrolled at Eastern Illinois University may apply for and receive two bachelor's degrees at the same time by making arrangements with the appropriate certifying dean(s). The degrees may be the same (e.g., two B.A. degrees) or different (e.g., a B.A. degree and a B.S. degree), except that a non-teacher certification degree and teacher certification degree in the same major cannot be earned simultaneously. All specified major requirements for both degrees must be met as well as the general requirements for the bachelor's degree. The program of study must include a minimum of 150 semester hours of courses with at least 60 of these hours in upper-division courses (3000-4000 courses) and with at least 72 of the 150 semester hours completed at Eastern Illinois University.

A student who has already received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University, or from another regionally accredited college or university, may receive a second bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. All specified major requirements for the second degree must be met, and the program of study completed for the second degree must include at least 30 semester hours of courses taken at Eastern Illinois University after the granting of the first degree. At least 20 of the 30 hours presented for the second degree must be upper division courses (3000-4000 courses) with at least 12 semester hours of work in courses applicable to determining the GPA (grade Point average) in the major.

The Board of Governors B.A. degree may not be awarded simultaneously with another degree or awarded to a student who already holds a bachelor's degree.